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Building Safety Month Free Deck Maintenance Inspections

America will celebrate Building Safety Month from May 1 through May 31, 2012. Each week of month has a different theme. Week one, May 1-4, 2012 is Public Safety; Week two, May 7- 11, 2012 is Energy & Green Building; Week three, May 14-18, 2012 is Disaster Safety & Mitigation; Week four, May 21-25, 2012 is Fire Safety & Awareness; Week five, May 28-31, 2012 is Backyard Safety.

In recognition of national Building Safety Month, the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services will be offering free DECK MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS for single-family detached homes, townhouses, and duplex dwellings. The inspections will be available for all Montgomery County residents EXCLUDING the City of Rockville and the City of Gaithersburg. The inspection will include a checklist for homeowners to help them maintain a safe and sound structure. Most decks require annual maintenance to ensure a long life.

Please contact the Department of Permitting Services from May 2 through May 31, 2010, by telephone at 311, or 240-777-0311, or by fax at 240-777-6258, to request a DECK MAINTENANCE INSPECTION. The request will be honored as the inspectors' workload allows, and you will be contacted before the inspection is performed.

First observed in 1980, Building Safety Month annually raises public awareness of critical safety issues affecting every person, regardless of age or occupation. These entail the structural soundness of the buildings where we live and work, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, mechanical systems, and energy efficiency and sustainability. Inspectors, plan reviewers, and others in the Department of Permitting Services work to ensure the safety of the structures in which all of us live, work, attend school, worship, and play. These officials provide the first line of defense against building disasters. We are silent but vigilant guardians who work daily to ensure safety in the built environment.